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SUBJECT: SSRC AND ANC RIVALRY FOR INFLUENCE AMONG BLACK STUDENTS

1. ANC ATTEMPTS TO RECRUIT SOWETO (JOHANNESBURG) STUDENTS FOR MILITARY CAMPS, ASIDE FROM SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE COUNTER-TERRORISM EFFORTS THAT HAVE RECENTLY CRACKED DOWN ON ANC OPERATINS, HAVE RECEIVED A FRESH SET-BACK WITH AN UNPUBLISHED BUT EARNEST CAMPAIGN ON THE PART OF THE SOWETO STUDENTS REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SSRC) TO BREAK THE ANC CAMPAIGN TO WOO STUDENTS.

2. STUDENTS IN ZXILE ARE ORGANIZING TO RESIST ANC AND PAC BLANDISHMENTS IN PARTICULAR, AND STUDENTS STILL IN SOWETO, ALTHOUGH HUNTED BY POLICE THEMSELVES, HAVE PUT OUT THE WORD
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TO RESIST EFFORTS OF PRINCIPAL JOHANNESBURG ANC FIGURE, CODE-NAMED "SECHABA." SECHABA HAS APPARENTLY BEEN ACTIVE FOR SOME TIME ON BEHALF OF ANC IN SOWETO BUT STUDENTS HAVE SHOWN THEMSELVES TO BE SKEPTICAL OF PROMISES THAT ANC AND PAC WILLING TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES. MANY OF THE STUDENTS NOW IN EXILE HAVE BEEN LURED THERE BY FALSE PROMISES OF SCHOLAR-

SHIP AND TRAINING, ONLY TO REALIZE THE ANC AND PAC ONLY
INTEND TO USE THEM AS "FREEDOM FIGHTERS".

3. IN A CONFIDENTIAL MESSAGE FROM EXILED SSRC LEADER
SIMON MOKOENA TO NEW SSRC LEADER DAN MOTSI, A WARNING
WAS MADE TO "STOP THEM (THE STUDENTS) FROM COMING FOR
MILITARY TRAINING BECAUSE OF SECHABA'S CORRUPTION". WORLD
NEWSPAPER EDITOR PERCY QOBOZA, A CONFIDANT OF THE STUDENTS,
REPORTS THAT "SECHABA" IS CODE NAME OF ANC FIGURE WHOM
STUDENTS (PARTICULARLY MOTSI) HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY
AGITATED ABOUT. IT WOULD APPEAR FROM THIS THAT THE ANC AND
SSRC RIVALRY FOR THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF THE STUDENTS IS
VERGING ON AN INCREASINGLY BITTER STRUGGLE.
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